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POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS OF JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)The number of post offices operating in rural areas of Jharkhand as on date;

(b)The number of villages having no post offices, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c)The steps taken by the Government to set up post offices in these villages and the success achieved in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)Out of total 3091 post offices of Jharkhand, 2819 post offices are operating in rural areas.

(b) & (c) The State-wise details of the number of villages having no post offices are given in Annexure-I.

Post Offices are opened subject to fulfillment of distance, population and income norms are given in Annexure-II. Therefore, post offices can be opened only in those villages where these norms are fulfilled.

In the first two years of the 10th Five Year Plan, 440 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices were opened in villages in the country, against Plan targets. However, in consonance with the policy directives of the 10th Plan regarding rationalization of the postal network, no Plan targets are being allotted for opening of new post offices since 2004-05. Therefore, if justification for opening a Post Office is found, it can now be opened only by relocation of an existing post office, which is no longer justified, as per departmental norms in its present location.